

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 909

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Brittany F. Baum, 2008
Valedictorian of Ridgeway High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Brittany F. Baum is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Ridgeway High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Brittany Baum has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Baum has earned an exemplary 5.1 grade point average while participating in many extracurricular activities, including National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, which she served as secretary, soccer, Frisbee, swimming, and youth group basketball; and

WHEREAS, despite all of her worthy scholastic and extracurricular pursuits, Brittany also finds time to give back to her community; she has rendered sterling service to such efforts as B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, B'nai Tzedek Charity Organization, and Angel Tree Charity Organization; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Ms. Baum has won the Honors Spanish Two Builder Award and the AP Scholar Award and was nominated for the *Commercial Appeal's* First Tennessee Academic All Star; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Baum's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at the Honors College at the University of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Brittany Baum's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Shelby and Lee Baum, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Baum's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Ridgeway High School Valedictorian, Brittany F. Baum, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.